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Regular Meeting
1:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 15, 2012 – 1:00 p.m.

Agenda

I. Opening (*Tab 1*)

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Agenda

C. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting – January 19, 2012

II. Formal Public Comment

Time has been allocated at the beginning of the meeting for individuals or groups to address the State Board on general issues and on agenda items at the time they are before the Board for discussion. Board Agenda items with formal comment periods or discrete identified records, such as Charter School applications or renewals, Department of Education and Professional Standards Board regulations, and student disciplinary appeals, are not open for comment at the Board meeting at which action is to be taken. At least 15 minutes prior to the meeting being called to order, persons wishing to address the Board should sign up on the appropriate form, giving their name and topic they will address. Comments should be limited to five minutes and each group should choose one representative to speak. Speakers will be recognized by the Board President in the order their names appear on the sign up list. As circumstances require, the Board President may at his/her discretion, limit the number of persons allowed to speak, as well as designate the time for comments.

Please Note: Normally, the Board will not respond to questions by or engage in a dialogue with those offering comments during the Board meeting, but may respond in writing to a person or group.

III. State Board Business

A. Reports/Discussions

A.1 Committee Reports from State Board Members

B. Budget Items

None.

C. Other

C.1 Strategic Plan

C.2 Technology Items

IV. Presentations (*Tab 2*)

A. State Board of Education –

A.1 Delaware Teacher of the Year – 10 minutes

The State Board of Education and Secretary Lowery will recognize Amber Augustus, Delaware's 2012 State Teacher of the Year. Ms. Augustus is a fifth grade teacher from the Smyrna School District, and teaches math, science and social studies at John Bassett Moore Intermediate School.

B. Department of Education

B.1 DCAS Update - 10 Minutes

Dr. Michael Stetter, Director, Accountability Resources, will provide an update on the DCAS Assessment. The winter testing window opened on December 5th and ended on February 10, 2012.

B.2 Governor's Education Agenda – 20 minutes

Daniel Cruce, Deputy Secretary/Chief of Staff, will update the members of the State Board of Education on the Governor's Education Agenda and Race to the Top.

B.3 ESEA Flexibility – 20 minutes

Daniel Cruce, Deputy Secretary/Chief of Staff, will update the members of the State Board of Education on Delaware's ESEA Flexibility application timeline. Joining Mr. Cruce will be Department staff members Dr. Susan Haberstroh and Joanne Reihm.

C. Other Presentations

None.

D. Secretary's Report, Review and Discussion

V. Action Items

A. Department of Education Regulations (*Tab 3*)

None.

B. Professional Standards Board (*Tab 5*)

**B.1 1598 Delaware Professional Development Standards
(For Discussion)**

The Professional Standards Board, acting in cooperation and collaboration with the Department of Education, seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend regulation DE Admin. Code 1598 Delaware Professional Development Standards. This regulation sets forth the standards for Delaware educators' professional development. Delaware professional development standards would reflect Learning Forward's recently adopted professional learning standards.

**B.2 American Sign Language Certification Programs
(For Action)**

Pursuant to DE Admin. Code 1565 World Language Teacher, the Professional Standards Board, with the concurrence of the State Board of Education, may approve a certificate program that establishes the minimum content knowledge in a World Language where no test of content is applicable and available, such as a Praxis II or an ACTFL test. Two American Sign Language certificate programs have been approved by the Professional Standards Board, and are before the State Board of Education for their concurrence.

C. Charter Schools (*Tab 7*)

**C.1 Presentation from East Side Charter School – 20 minutes
(For Information)**

Head of School, Mr. Lamont Browne will make a presentation to the State Board on East Side Charter School.

**C.2 Charter School Annual Report Presentation
(For Information)**

John Carwell of the Charter School Office will make the presentation.

**C.3 Decision on Application to Renew an Existing Charter:
Academy of Dover
(For Action)**

The Board of Directors of this school submitted an Application to renew the school's charter for additional term of five years. The Charter School Accountability Committee will issue its report on the application. A public hearing on the application will be conducted on February 14, 2012.

The Secretary will make her recommendations with respect to the application.

**C.4 Decision on Application to Renew an Existing Charter:
Prestige Academy
(For Action)**

The Board of Directors of this school submitted an Application to renew the school's charter for additional term of five years. The Charter School Accountability Committee will issue its report on the application. A public hearing on the application will be conducted on February 14, 2012.

The Secretary will make her recommendations with respect to the application.

**C.5 Charter Schools Update
(For Information)**

The monthly update on charter schools is attached.

D. Other Action Items (*Tab 8*)

**D.1 Approval of the Science and Social Studies Grade Band
Extensions**

(Teaching and Learning Branch)

The Secretary seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to approve the Grade Band Extensions (GBEs) that have been created to the Delaware Recommended Curriculum in Science and Social Studies.

E. Appeals and Reviews (*Tab 9*)

**E.1 W.W. v. Appoquinimink School District (SBE 2011-08)
(For Action)**

The State Board may consider the decision of the hearing officer in this appeal.

**E.2 A.S. v. DIAA (SBE 2011-09)
(For Action)**

The State Board may consider the decision of the hearing officer in this appeal.

**E.3 A.Z. v. Smyrna School District (SBE 2011-12)
(For Action)**

The State Board may consider the decision of the hearing officer in this appeal.

VI. Information Items (*Tab 10*)

A. Federal Grants by District

(Finance Reform & Resource Management Branch)

The monthly review of federal grants by districts as awarded thus far under project proposals is attached.

B. Personnel

Appointments

Tina Feliciano, Financial Secretary, Human Resource Office, Financial Reform and Resource Management Branch, effective February 1, 2012.

Melanie Caffo, Administrative Secretary I, Human Resource Office, Financial Reform and Resource Management Branch, effective February 6, 2012.

Bianca Clark, Deputy Officer, Recruitment, Selection and Project Integration, Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Unit, RTTT, effective February 12, 2012.

Note:

Pursuant to 29 Del. C. § 10004, the agenda is subject to change and the State Board of Education may enter into Executive Session during the meeting.

The times designated on the agenda are approximate and are listed for administrative purposes only. The State Board reserves the right to hear any matter out of its order during the meeting.

The State Board may also take breaks during the meeting.